

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/819,144

Examiner

Hong Sang

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

1643

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/16/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7,21 and 22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Exhibits A and B.


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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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Dec. 14, 2006

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

RE: Terek

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Following a diligent search it was determined that the prior art neither teaches nor suggests an isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO.2, and a fragment of SEQ ID NO.2, which consists of SEQ ID NO.8. The following are the closest prior arts:

Honey (US Patent No. 5,708,158, Date of Patent 1/13/1998) teaches an isolated polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO. 6. However, the sequence of the SEQ ID NO. 6 is only 37% identical to the instantly claimed SEQ ID NO.2 (see sequence alignment, Exhibit A).

Gaynor et al. (US Patent No. 5,677,143, Date of Patent 10/14/1997) teaches a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO.2. However, the sequence of the SEQ ID NO.2 is only 58.3% identical to the instantly claimed SEQ ID NO.8 (see sequence alignment, Exhibit B).

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hong Sang whose telephone number is (571) 272 8145. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry R. Helms can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Exhibit A

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<!--StartFragment-->RESULT 61
US-08-818-823-6
; Sequence 6, Application US/08818823
; Patent No. 5708158
; GENERAL INFORMATION:
; APPLICANT: HOEY, Timothy
; TITLE OF INVENTION: NUCLEAR FACTORS AND BINDING ASSAY
; NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 18
; CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:
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; CITY: San Francisco
; STATE: California
; COUNTRY: USA
; ZIP: 94111
; COMPUTER READABLE FORM:
; MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
; COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
; OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
; SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.30
; CURRENT APPLICATION DATA:
; APPLICATION NUMBER: US/08/818,823
; FILING DATE: 14-MAR-1997
; CLASSIFICATION: 536
; PRIOR APPLICATION DATA:
; APPLICATION NUMBER: 08/396,479
; FILING DATE: 02-MAR-1995
; ATTORNEY/AGENT INFORMATION:
; NAME: Osman, Richard A
; REGISTRATION NUMBER: 36,627
; REFERENCE/DOCKET NUMBER: A-59450-1/RAO
; TELECOMMUNICATION INFORMATION:
; TELEPHONE: (415) 494-8700
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; TELEX: 210 277299
; INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 6:
; SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
; LENGTH: 902 amino acids
; TYPE: amino acid
; TOPOLOGY: linear
; MOLECULE TYPE: protein
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Best Local Similarity 37.0%; Pred. No. 1.1e+02;
Matches 17; Conservative 6; Mismatches 6; Indels 17; Gaps 3;

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Exhibit B

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<!--StartFragment-->RESULT 28
US-08-242-677-2
; Sequence 2, Application US/08242677
; Patent No. 5677143
; GENERAL INFORMATION:
; APPLICANT: Gaynor, Richard B
; APPLICANT: Wu, Foon W.
; TITLE OF INVENTION: Cellular Nucleic Acid Binding Protein
; TITLE OF INVENTION: and Uses Thereof in regulating Gene Expression and in the
; TITLE OF INVENTION: Treatment of AIDS
; NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 9
; CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:
; ADDRESSEE: Arnold, White & Durkee
; STREET: P.O. Box 4433
; CITY: Houston
; STATE: TX
; COUNTRY: USA
; ZIP: 77210
; COMPUTER READABLE FORM:
; MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
; COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
; OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
; SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.25
; CURRENT APPLICATION DATA:
; APPLICATION NUMBER: US/08/242,677
; FILING DATE:
; CLASSIFICATION: 435
; ATTORNEY/AGENT INFORMATION:
; NAME: Mayfield, Denise L.
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; REFERENCE/DOCKET NUMBER: UTSD:401
; TELECOMMUNICATION INFORMATION:
; TELEPHONE: 713-787-1400
; TELEFAX: 713-789-2679
; INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 2:
; SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
; LENGTH: 1621 amino acids
; TYPE: amino acid
; TOPOLOGY: linear
; MOLECULE TYPE: protein
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Query Match          48.2%; Score 40; DB 1; Length 1621;
Best Local Similarity 58.3%; Pred. No. 4.9e+02;
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